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IN THE CIRCLEVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT
Pickaway County, Ohio

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CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

**IN RE PROCEDURE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AND ASSAULT CASES**

The court's Case Management in Criminal Cases is hereby amended by adding the following section as (C) to include the following direction as applied to Domestic Violence and Assault cases:

(C) Upon arraignment for Domestic Violence or Assault, the court shall review, either the Domestic Violence Form to Access Danger of Further Violence or Lethality, provided by the arresting officer or in the absence of that document, the facts as alleged in the probable cause affidavit and assign the case a designation of Level One or Level Two, which shall be noted on the upper right hand of the case file.

A Level One designation means that the case cannot be disposed of without a written plea negotiation signed off by the victim, the arresting officer and a representative of the Victim's Advocate Office, approving the plea negotiation if the victim's office has become involved in the case.

A Level Two designation means that the case may be resolved by plea negotiation without the signatures of the above parties; however, the City Law Director's Office shall consult with the arresting officer and the victim prior to negotiating a plea or dismissing the case. If the victim's office chooses to become involved in a Level Two case designation, that office shall also be consulted.

The clerk is authorized and directed to place this amendment on the website for public distribution.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



GARY DUMM, Judge

Date

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